

REMARKS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested in light of the amendments and remarks made herein.

Claims 1, 4-7, and 9 are pending and stand rejected.

Claims 1, 4-7 and 9 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Brooks et al (U.S. Patent No. 5,973,684).

Claim 1 has been amended to return the claim limitations to recite "wherein the subscriber terminal is configured to enable a subscriber to request, from an authorization server using an internet protocol gateway, one or more of a plurality of services."

Applicants respectfully submit Brooks fails to disclose, teach or imply the limitation of a subscriber terminal requesting services directly from an authorization server, as claimed in claim 1. Independent claims 5-7 recite similar limitations.

The Office Action points to col. 17, lines 33-62 and col. 18, lines 26-36 of Brooks to show these limitations. Applicants respectfully disagree. In col. 17, lines 33-62, Brooks teaches that "a video information user (VIU) who wishes service on the network via on of the IVAN's 308 may request the service either by calling a network business office by telephone or by requesting a level 1 gateway session... to perform on-line registration" to request the service from the service provider. Thus, Brooks teaches that a user must contact the service provider to request a service at which point, perhaps hours or days later, the service provider updates the appropriate equipment to authorize the service, see col. 17, lines 42-62. The same is true for pay-per-view events; see col. 22, lines 22-43.

In contract, the present invention, enables a user station to simply request a service from an authorization server, at which point the user station receive a reply without significant delay, avoiding the problem described above with the Brooks system.

A claim is anticipated only if each and every element recited therein is expressly or inherently described in a

single prior art reference. Brooks cannot be said to anticipate the present invention, because Brooks fails to disclose each and every element recited.

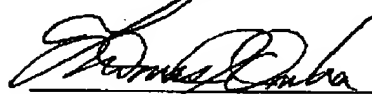
Having shown that Brooks fails to disclose each and every element claimed, applicant submits that the reason for the examiner's rejection of the claim has been overcome and can no longer be sustained. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration, withdrawal of the rejection and allowance of the claim.

With regard to claims 4 and 9, these claims depend from an independent claim discussed above, which have been shown to be allowable in view of the cited reference. Accordingly, claims 4 and 9 are also allowable by virtue of its dependence from an allowable base claim.

For all the foregoing reasons, it is respectfully submitted that all the present claims are patentable in view of the cited references. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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